

18 December 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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FROM:

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Chief, Classification Review Division

SUBJECT:

Conversation with Larry Pickering,
Director, Classification/Declassification Center,
Systematic Review, Regarding Foreign Relations of
the United States (FRUS) Volumes and FRUS Supple-
mental Documents

1. In a conversation with Larry Pickering on 18 December, he advised me that he had talked with Mr. Glennon, HIO, regarding our position concerning the inclusion of two documents in FRUS, Volume XII, 1952-54, which had previously been released in the official version of the Pentagon Papers. (I had advised Larry in a previous conversation that we would still insist that the two documents not be included in the Volume, but in light of their previous release, had no objection to their being referred in a footnote, editorial note, etc. Larry had told me that the position of NSC and State's Bureau is the same.) Larry said that HIO didn't seem to have a problem with this position.

2. He told me that he had asked HIO to copy the material selected for Volume V, 1955-57, on the Summit Conference and Central Europe, so that this material could be sent to us for review. He added that there were probably several volumes which could be made ready for review if we wanted to apply the manpower to them.

3. Larry further advised me that he has a paper from HIO regarding the FRUS documents to be put on microfiche. They have identified as candidate documents: 17 feet of daily summaries prepared for the Secretary of State, 16 feet of the Secretary's memoranda of conversation, and 19 feet of conference files. He noted that they would most likely tackle the daily summaries first since these date from 1945 to 1954 and most of the summaries prior to 1949 have already been declassified.

4. Larry stated that he would be happy to discuss with us any suggestions we might have for the review of the FRUS supplemental documents. I took the opportunity to tell him that I had tasked my Branch Chiefs with the research on continuing manpower requirements for support of other agencies' programs and that Chief, Administration Branch, had been assigned the responsibility to determine those requirements for FRUS review and the FRUS supplemental review.

5. In closing Larry reminded me that he was interested in discussing with our expert certain problems concerning the review of material covering the Near East. I had told him in an earlier conversation that we would probably have to assign it to one of our generalists since we did not have someone with extensive experience in that part of the world. He said he would like to bring over his reviewer to discuss the material probably sometime soon after the start of the new year.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
and the
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

PROJECT TITLE: Declassification Review of 1950-54 Department of State Records.

SCOPE: This project will consist of a review for declassification of the most historically significant portions of the 1950-54 central decimal files of the Department of State (R.G. 59) and of the 1950-54 records of the Foreign Service Posts of the Department of State (R.G. 84) appraised as having continuing value. The declassification reviewers will use the 1950-54 systematic review guidelines developed by the Department of State for use by the Archivist of the United States. The reviewers will also use applicable guidelines issued by the Departments of Defense, Energy, and Justice and by the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Council. The project will require careful page-by-page review using all guidelines currently available and coordination for final declassification determination with responsible agency experts.

OBJECTIVES: The purpose of this project is to declassify and prepare for release to the public the historically significant portions of the 1950-54 Department of State records. This objective should be accomplished on or before January 1, 1986.

PRODUCTS:

1. Declassified 1950-54 Department of State records arranged, reboxed, and labeled.
2. 1950-54 Department of State records identified as requiring further national security protection segregated, arranged, reboxed, and labeled.
3. A listing of the record items requiring continued national security protection.
4. 1950-54 Department of State records accessioned into the National Archives.

ORGANIZATION: The project will involve National Archives and Records Service (NARS) and Department of State personnel. The project will be organized as follows:

1. NARS: The Project Director will be:

Edwin A. Thompson
Director, Records Declassification Division
Office of the National Archives, NARS

The NARS project team will consist of a supervisory archivist/
project coordinator and at least two archivists/team leaders and
approximately 22 archives technicians/reviewers.

2. Department of State: The Project Liaison Officer will be:

John R. Burke
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Classification/Declassification
Department of State

The Department of State will assign one or more staff members to work with the NARS project team on an as needed basis.

NARS

RESPONSIBILITIES: The National Archives and Records Service agrees to:

1. review the most significant portions of the 1950-54 State Department Records (R.G.s 59 and 84) using all current applicable guidelines for declassification,
2. coordinate with agency experts the review of record items not declassifiable under those guidelines,
3. participate with Department of State personnel in revising the systematic review guidelines provided by the Department of State,
4. prepare for researcher use the record items which have been declassified,
5. segregate, arrange, and rebox the record items determined by competent agency authority to require continued national security protection,
6. prepare and submit to the Department of State a listing of the segregated items,
7. provide professional archival direction, supervision, and space necessary to accomplish the review,
8. employ, train, and maintain a staff of approximately 25 qualified persons to conduct the review, and
9. accession the 1950-54 records of the Department of State into the National Archives upon completion of this project.

DEPT. OF STATE

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Department of State agrees to:

1. maintain high level management support for the project,
2. provide the project liaison officer with sufficient resources to complete the project,
3. issue, maintain and keep current the Department of State guidelines necessary to accomplish the objective, and

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4. respond to Freedom of Information Act and mandatory review requests on the 1950-54 records of the Department of State until completion of this project.

SCHEDULE: This project will begin on or about March 1, 1982, and should be completed by March 1, 1986.

TERMINATION: Either party may terminate this agreement upon 90 days notice in writing. Outstanding financial or other obligations incurred by either party will be settled to the extent of the commitment at the time of termination.

COST: The Department of State agrees to reimburse the National Archives and Records Service in the amount of \$162,000 in F.Y. 1982. At the commencement of each fiscal year, beginning in F.Y. 1983 and thereafter through F.Y. 1986, both parties will agree to a funding limitation for the project.

BILLING: The Department of State will furnish NARS with required fiscal citations, the correct billing address, and one signed copy of this Memorandum of Agreement.

NARS will bill the Department of State quarterly based on the funding limitation. Standard Form 1080, Transfer of Funds, will be used for billing purposes.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

By _____
James W. Moore

By _____

Title: Assistant Archivist
for the National Archives

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Please provide the following when Agreement is approved:

Funds Citation: _____

Agency Billing Address: _____

AUTHORITY: This Agreement is made under the authority of the Economy Act, approved June 30, 1932, as amended (31 U.S.C. 686).

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